

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

To: Lewis County Board of County Commissioners
From: Lewis County Planning Commission
Date: September 22, 2015
Subject: Transmittal to the BOCC: Findings and Conclusions regarding whether to amend the Lewis County Countywide Planning Policies

Dear Commissioners:

The purpose of this report is to transmit the Lewis County Countywide Planning Policies (CWPPs) to the BOCC for board review and approval. No changes have been proposed to the existing policies as part of the annual review of the document.

To evaluate whether to amend the Lewis County Countywide Planning Policies (CWPPs), the Planned Growth Committee, a committee comprised of representatives from each community, held a workshop on April 22, 2015 and the Planning Commission held a workshop on July 14, 2015. No changes were proposed as part of either of these meetings. The Planning Commission also solicited public input about the existing CWPPs at a public hearing on September 22, 2015. After taking testimony on the existing policies, the Planning Commission voted to make no changes to the CWPPs based on what they heard from residents. As Chairman of the Planning Commission, this letter herewith transmits a recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve the existing policies as written.

General findings of fact:

1. The Planned Growth Committee for Lewis County, a group consisting of representatives of the incorporated cities of Lewis County and Lewis County, met to discuss whether to make any changes to the CWPPs. The Committee recommended that the Planning Commission not consider any changes this year.
2. The Planning Commission, the board with the authority and responsibility to review the CWPPs in accordance with the policies in the CWPPs, held a workshop on the policies on July 14, 2015 and scheduled a date to have a public hearing on the document.
3. After due and proper public notice in accordance with LCC 17.12.050, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the document on September 22, 2015.
4. The Planning Commission found that the existing CWPPs reflected the needs of Lewis County, were in the best interests of the public, and that no changes were needed.

Conclusions

Based on the above findings and conclusions, the Planning Commission recommends that the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners pass a resolution re-affirming the existing Lewis County CWPPs with no amendments this year.

Being duly authorized to transmit the recommendations on behalf of the Lewis County Planning Commission, I hereby respectfully submit this to the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners.

Submitted by  Date 9-22-2015
Michael Mahoney, Chairman
Lewis County Planning Commission